

"4 Oz." and "Net Weight 5 Oz.," borne on the packages containing the articles, were false and misleading, in that they represented that the said packages contained not less than 4 ounces and not less than 5 ounces of the article, and for the further reason that the articles were labeled as aforesaid so as to deceive and mislead the purchaser into the belief that the packages contained not less than 4 ounces and not less than 5 ounces of the article, whereas, in truth and in fact, the said packages did not contain 4 ounces of the said article but did contain a less amount. Misbranding was alleged with respect to the said macaroni and both consignments of the spaghetti for the reason that it was in package form and the quantity of the contents was not plainly and conspicuously marked on the outside of the package.

On January 17, 1924, the defendant entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$25.

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12177. Adulteration of shelled filberts. U. S. v. 2 Bags, et al., of Shelled Filberts. Default decrees ordering destruction of product. (F. & D. Nos. 18245, 18246, 18247, 18248. I. S. Nos. 11909-v, 11910-v. S. No. W-1457.)

On December 29, 1923, the United States attorney for the District of Utah, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district libels praying for the seizure and condemnation of 14½ bags of shelled filberts, remaining in the original and unbroken packages, at Salt Lake City, Utah, alleging that the article had been shipped by the Hale Co., San Francisco, Calif., on or about June 20, 1923, and transported from the State of California into the State of Utah, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part: "Order Of The Hale Co."

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libels for the reason that it consisted in part of a filthy, decomposed, or putrid vegetable substance.

On March 28, 1924, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgments of condemnation and forfeiture were entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

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12178. Adulteration and misbranding of cottonseed meal. U. S. v. 100 Sacks of Cottonseed Meal. Decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product released under bond to be relabeled. (F. & D. No. 16991. I. S. No. 3191-v. S. No. E-4229.)

On or about November 22, 1922, the United States attorney for the Southern District of Florida, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying the seizure and condemnation of 100 sacks of cottonseed meal, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Jacksonville, Fla., consigned by the Americus Oil Co., Americus, Ga., alleging that the article had been shipped from Americus, Ga., on or about September 12, 1922, and transported from the State of Georgia into the State of Florida, and charging adulteration and misbranding in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part: "Cottonseed Meal Guaranteed Analysis: Ammonia 7.00%."

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that a substance deficient in ammonia had been mixed and packed therewith so as to reduce and lower and injuriously affect its quality and strength and had been substituted wholly or in part for the said article.

Misbranding was alleged for the reason that the article was labeled, "Cottonseed Meal Guaranteed Analysis: Ammonia 7.00%," which statement was false and misleading and deceived and misled the purchaser, since the said article was deficient in ammonia.

On January 30, 1923, the Americus Oil Co., Americus, Ga., claimant, having admitted the allegations of the libel as to mislabeling, but claiming that it was unintentional, judgment of condemnation was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be delivered to the said claimant upon payment of the costs of the proceedings and the execution of a bond in the sum of \$500, in conformity with section 10 of the act, conditioned in part that it be relabeled so as to accurately and correctly describe the product.

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